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SUBJECT: MEXICAN REACTION TO SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S
STATEMENT ON GAS PIPELINE

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1. THERE HAS BEEN NO PUBLIC GOM REACTION SO FAR ON THE STATEMENT OF SECRETARY SCHLESINGER.
2. PRESS REACTION HAS GENERALLY BEEN CONFINED TO STRAIGHT REPORTING OF HIS STATEMENT WITH THE GENERAL CONCLUSION THAT THE ANTICIPATED AGREEMENT HAS FAILED. THE MORE NATIONALISTIC NEWSPAPER ARTICLES TAKE OFFENSE AT WHAT UNO MAS UNO CALLS A "VEILED THREAT" OR EL SOL "INOPPORTUNE AND OFFENSIVE" REMARKS. EL UNIVERSAL EDITORIALIZED THAT SCHLESINGER'S REMARKS ARE "NEW U.S. PRESSURE ON MEXICO'S NATIONAL INTERESTS."
3. 4 JANUARY HEADLINED ARTICLE BY FERNANDEZ PONTE, WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, IN EXCELSIOR QUOTES FRANK SHAEFFER-CORONA, WHOM HE CLAIMS IS A CHICANO U.S. ELECTED OFFICIAL, TO THE EFFECT THAT SCHLESINGER'S ATTITUDE IS A FORM OF U.S. BLACKMAIL. THE U.S. WILL AGREE TO THE GAS

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PRICE SET BY MEXICO IF THE GOM ACCEPTS AND SUPPORTS PUBLICLY PRESIDENT CARTER'S PLANS TO SOLVE THE UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS' PROBLEM. UNO MAS UNO ON 4 JANUARY REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WILL LOOK FOR OTHER ENERGY MARKETS IF MEXICO DOES NOT REDUCE ITS NATURAL GAS PRICE. IT ALSO QUOTES MISS SALLY SHELTON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AS SAYING "MONDALE'S UPCOMING TRIP

TO MEXICO WILL STRESS ENERGY ISSUES, AS WELL AS TRADE MATTERS."

4. LACK OF STRONG GOVERNMENT AND MEDIA REACTION MAY BE DUE TO STATEMENT OCCURRING DURING MEXICAN YEAR-END VACATION FROM 17 DECEMBER THROUGH 2 JANUARY WHEN MOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WERE ON VACATION. WE EXPECT CONTINUING GOM PRESS REACTION AND WILL REPORT ON IT AT A LATER DATE.

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